

**NINTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel Petra Resort, Petra, Jordan, 6-7 December 2006**

Decisions

The Council of SESAME held its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Petra, Jordan, on 6-7 December 2006.

The Council took the following decisions:

1. Once finalized, the draft Agreement to be signed between the French Authorities and SESAME for the LURE equipment being donated to SESAME will be communicated electronically to delegates of Members for their approval.
2. Delegates approved the revised cost estimate for upgrading the SESAME machine prepared by the Technical Director in July 2006 and the adopted strategy of upgrading current instead of energy. They also approved the proposal that SESAME benefit from existing accelerator laboratories through patronage.
3. Mr Yasser Elshayeb, Administrative and Financial Officer of SESAME, will be focal point for interaction with the IAEA in the inter-regional project INT/1/055. He will carry out the tasks related to this assignment in close collaboration with the Scientific and Technical Directors of SESAME and the Centre's Training Committee.
4. The Regular Budget for 2007 will be US\$979,638.85. This budget will be distributed among the Members of SESAME as follows: Bahrain (US\$62,500.00), Cyprus (US\$62,500.00), Egypt (US\$64,425.00), Iran (US\$110,000.00), Israel (US\$110,000.00), Jordan (US\$62,500.00), Pakistan (US\$110,000.00), Palestinian Authority (US\$50,000.00) and Turkey (US\$110,000.00).
5. There should be an external auditor to audit the budget and expenditures of SESAME. The Director of SESAME will propose the name of an external auditing company to the 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting after consultation with the Finance Committee.
6. Professor Hafeez-ur-Rehman Hoorani will be offered the post of Scientific Director. If it is not taken up by him it will be offered to Professor Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary. The person nominated will be appointed for 2-3 years on a 25% time basis.
7. The post of Technical Director will urgently be advertised. It will stipulate that the candidate should be able to start working from July 2007, at least on a part-time basis. The person selected will need to be of a nationality that allows him/her to enter the country of each of the Members of SESAME.

8. Dr Mario Serio (Italy) will be invited to become a member of the Technical Committee.
9. The possible successor to the President of Council will be invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and a decision on his nomination will be taken then.
10. Henceforth, when requesting the approval of a SESAME-sponsored activity a statement will have to be submitted by the organisers committing the host country to allow entry for the event to scientists of all SESAME Members and Observers. In cases where an entry visa is required, the organisers should contact the authorities of their country to clarify the requirements and the statement to be submitted should give details on the time needed for an entry visa to be issued.
11. The next Council meeting will be held in late June/early July 2007 at the IAEA in Vienna. If, because of the many meetings that are to be held at the Agency during that period, this should not be possible it will be held at the Swiss Light Source or CERN in Switzerland.